

Oregon Vegetation Management Association

2026 Conference Agenda CELEBRATING OUR 40TH YEAR

Seaside Convention Center • February 17, 18 & 19, 2026

"Helping to keep Oregon beautiful."

Agenda subject to change

Tuesday, February 17

- 10:00 County Weed Control Association Meeting
Room: Riverside B
- 11:00 Registration Opens
- OVMA appreciates this years coffee sponsor: The Orion Companies

Session 1

Session Moderator: Shannon Wenick - OVMA

- 1:00 - 1:10 Welcome and Board of Director Introductions
Shannon Wenick - OVMA Project Manager
- 1:10 - 2:00 Legislative Update
Dani Lightle - OFS
- 2:00 - 2:50 Statewide Policy and Program Updates
Troy Abercrombie - Oregon Department of Agriculture
- 2:50 - 3:10 Break - Sponsored by

Session Moderator: J.P. Mischkot - Glass Tree Care & Spray Service

- 3:10 - 4:10 Vegetation Managment to Control Weeds & Help Bees
Andony Melathopoulos - OSU
- 4:10 - 5:00 ODA Pesticide Knowledge Quiz Bowl
Andrea Sonnen – Oregon Department of Agriculture
- 5:00 - 5:30 The Science of Control: Accurate ID, Smart Timing,
Clear Expectations
Harrison Hapgood – Wilbur Ellis

**Join us for appreciation night as we celebrate our
40th year Sponsored in part by:
Wilbur Ellis, envu, Corteva**

Wednesday, February 18

AM - Session 2

Session Moderator: Warren Gawlik - Corteva

- 8:30 - 9:30 Talking with the Public About Herbicides
Kaci Buhl - OSU
- 9:30 -10:30 ODA Lessons Learned
Andrea Sonnen – Oregon Department of Agriculture
- 10:30 -10:50 Break - Sponsored by Corteva
- 10:50-11:50 Different Herbicide Sites of Action and What Weeds They Control
Jerry Ellis – envu
- 11:50-1:30 Lunch on your own
Enjoy one of Seasides many dining locations

Wednesday, February 18

PM - Session 3

Session Moderator: Harrison Hapgood - Wilbur Ellis

- 1:30 - 2:00 Intro to The Orion Companies - Bare Ground Treatments
Hugo Mertens - The Orion Companies
- 2:00-2:30 Keeping Accurate Spray Records with GPS Spray Mapping
Jeremy Zerr - SpraySync
- 2:30 - 3:30 Personal Protective Equipment; an Oregon OSHA Perspective
Randy Westmoreland & Russ Reasoner – DCBS-Oregon OSHA
- 3:30 - 3:50 Break - Sponsored by Wilbur Ellis
- 3:50 - 4:30 Methods of Application
Tracey Kelly - Norstar
- 4:30 - 5:00 Corteva Vegetation Management
Warren Gawlik - Corteva
- 5:00 - 5:30 envu
Controlling Russian Thistle and Kochia with the Herbicides
Altify and Porfolio Tank Mixes Both Pre and Post Emergent
Jerry Ellis - envu

5:30 Adjourn

Thursday, February 19

Final Session 4

Session Moderator: Jerry Ellis - envu

- 8:00 - 8:30 How Adjuvants Aid in Professional Spraying Applications
Don Frantz - Wilbur Ellis
- 8:30 - 9:30 *Clematis Orientalis* project & *Orobancha cumana* - the first
known site in North America
Susan Bird - Yakima County Noxious Weed Board
- 9:30 -10:15 Grass Identification & Management
Harrison Hapgood -- Wilbur Ellis
- 10:15-10:40 Break - Sponsored by envu
- 10:40-11:30 Calibration and Operation of Spray Trucks for
Vegetation Management
Ryan Kuster - Ag Enterprise
- 11:30-12:30 Noxious Weeds of Oregon: Plant ID
Troy Abercrombie - Oregon Department of Agriculture
- 12:30 Closing Comments – Adjourn
Shannon Wenick - OVMA Program Director